1 2 3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 4 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 5 MARK SATHER, 6 7 Plaintiff, Case No. 4:16-CV-05042-TOR 8 v. ORDER RE: SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE 9 NATIONWIDE COIN & BULLION RESERVE, INC., 10 Defendant. 11 Based on the Order of Referral for Mediation to Chief Bankruptcy Judge 12 Frederick P. Corbit (ECF No. 11), and after considering the statements made by the 13 parties at the settlement status conference held on August 30, 2016, 14 15 IT IS ORDERED: A settlement conference shall begin on November 8, 2016 at 16 10:00 a.m., and continue until concluded, at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the 17 18 Eastern District of Washington, 904 West Riverside Avenue, Third Floor 19 Courtroom, in Spokane, Washington. 20

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- 2. All of the parties to this action, including counsel, shall be present at said settlement conference. If a party is a corporate entity, then that party's representative at the settlement conference should have settlement authority.
- 3. Prior to the settlement conference, each party is strongly encouraged to share with Judge Corbit a confidential statement of position by either regular mail or e-mail. If the parties elect to e-mail their confidential statement of position, it should be e-mailed no later than **November 1**, **2016 by noon**, to Judge Corbit and Judge Corbit's legal assistant (Dee Sindlinger) at Fred_Corbit@waeb.uscourts.gov and Dee_Sindlinger@waeb.uscourts.gov. If the parties elect to mail their confidential statement of position, it should be mailed no later than **October 28**, **2016** by first-class mail and marked "Confidential" to the following address:

Judge Frederick P. Corbit United States Bankruptcy Court 904 West Riverside Avenue, Suite 304 Spokane, WA 99201

4. The purpose of the settlement conference is to facilitate resolution of the case without further litigation by providing a forum for private and informal discussions between the attorneys, parties, and Judge Corbit to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the claims. All communications made in connection with the settlement conference are confidential and will not be released or disclosed. Any documents requested and submitted for the settlement conference will be maintained

in Judge Corbit's chambers and will be destroyed after the conference. Neither the settlement conference statements nor communications occurring during the settlement conference may be used by any party with regard to any aspect of the litigation or trial of this case.

- 5. The confidential statement of position should include a brief review of the relevant facts, the party's assessment of its probability of prevailing on any disputed facts, and a brief discussion of any legal authority that the party contends would support its position at trial. Specifically, the statement should include:
 - a. A brief analysis of key issues involved in the litigation;
 - b. The estimated cost of going to trial (including attorney's fees, and in the case of the defendant, the potential losses resulting from employees spending time on this case as opposed to other matters);
 - c. A description of the strongest and weakest points of your case, both legal and factual;
 - d. A description of the strongest and weakest points of your opponent's case, both legal and factual;
 - e. The status of any settlement negotiations, including the last settlement proposal made by you and to you;
 - f. A settlement proposal that you believe would be fair; and

g. A settlement proposal that you would be willing to make in order to conclude the matter and stop the expense of litigation.

6. FAILURE TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ORDER MAY RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF APPROPRIATE SANCTIONS, CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS, ENTRY OF DEFAULT AND ENTRY OF JUDGMENT.

DATED this 30th day of August, 2016.

FREDERICK P. CORBIT
Chief Bankruptcy Judge